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Microarrayer and Molds"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please **cancel** claims 1-10.

Please **add** claims 11-40

11. (NEW)

comprising:

A stylet for removing tissue or embedding media from a coring needle

a stylet needle comprising a pushing surface and a connecting end, said pushing surface for pushing tissue or embedding media from said coring needle, said connecting end for connecting to a stylet body;

a stylet body comprising a lumen for receiving at least said connecting end of said stylet needle and for preventing rotation of said stylet needle within said stylet body; and

wherein at least said pushing surface of said stylet needle comprises a material which can maintain a temperature from -20° to 4°C during the process of removing tissue or embedding material from said coring needle.

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